

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also, present were Paul Boerjan, Aaron Murphy, Keith Horgen, Jessa Ketelsen, Laura Huisman, Betty McCarthy, Amand Baer, Rich Brumm, Mark Trumbauer, Jenny Backer, Shannon Paulus, Margaret Pederson, Judy Hamaker, Mary Griffin, and Lindsay Uhlenhopp. The meeting was made available by video via "Go to Meeting". Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to approve the agenda with correcting meeting minutes to May 2nd and moving discussion with Nextera Energy before the wind ordinance discussion. All voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the minutes of the May 2nd meeting. Roll call: all voted aye.

County Attorney Murphy has a court hearing at 9:30 a.m. today. Murphy has prepared the documents for the Carpenter Sewer ordinance. Betty McCarthy asked about an update on the Kephart case, which Murphy must refile paperwork.

County Sheriff Beaver was not available.

Mark Trumbauer with Nextera Energy explained their process with wind farms. Mark is fine with a moratorium if it allows met towers to be placed.

Amanda Baer stated all six members on the Board of Adjustment voted in favor of creating a wind ordinance. Motion by Frein, second by Hartogh to allow the Board of Adjustment to start the process of creating a wind ordinance. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to start creating a moratorium resolution. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Shannon Paulus will be leaving today for Treasurer's school.

County Engineer Rich Brumm is working on paint maps and rock maps. Brumm will be bringing a possible road closure for discussion next week. Engineer Brumm is still looking for an assistant and is working on closing out projects. Brumm does not have an update on start dates for projects.

At 8:45 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing for FY 23/24 County Budget. The chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. Betty McCarthy was in attendance and had questions, which were answered by Auditor Foster. The public hearing was closed at 8:55 a.m.

Motion by Hartogh, second by Wherry to approve FY 23/24 County Budget. Roll call vote: Hartogh, Wherry, Frein ayes, Hendrickson, Mayer nays.

At 9:00 a.m. the Chair opened the public hearing to amend FY 22/23 County Budget. The chair asked if there were any written or oral comments received prior to the hearing. Betty McCarthy stated her confusion with the beginning fund balances. Auditor Foster explained in the software system, there is no way to update those figures until July 1, 2023. The chair closed the public hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hendrickson to approve the Appropriations Resolution #1164-23. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Margaret Pederson expressed her concerns with the sewer rates in Carpenter. Motion by Hendrickson, second by Mayer to approve Resolution #1165-23 setting a public hearing date for Ordinance #59 for May 23, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Laura Huisman went over the home health expenses and revenues. Huisman said there is an aide's fair on Wednesday. Laura asked for an update on the generator. Huisman is still looking for an RN and home health aide. The next Public Health meeting will be held on June 2, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Jessa Ketelsen gave a public health update on CPR skills test, immunization numbers, and the vaccine for children audit. Ketelsen is working on community health assessment. May is mental health awareness month and May 18th is mental health awareness day and you can wear green in support.

Motion by Mayer, second by Hartogh to approve Klapperich Farm System's quote for \$1,056.16 to complete electrical work related to the generator. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Hendrickson, second by Hartogh to approve the St. Ansgar Chamber donation request in the amount of \$500. Roll call vote: all voted aye.

Motion by Mayer, second by Frein to appoint Andy Groh to the Board of Adjustment. Roll call vote: Frein, Wherry, Mayer, Hendrickson ayes, Hartogh abstained.

Judy Hamaker and Mary Griffin gave a Heartland Insurance presentation.

Items of Note: Wherry reported on Community Health Assessment, County Social Services, and NIACOG, Hartogh reported on Planning & Zoning Commission, Mayer reported on Planning & Zoning Commission, and Count Social Services, and Hendrickson reported on Heartland Insurance. Frein had nothing to report. Received manure management plan updates from Jax Dairy Inc, and Iowa Egg Company. There were no public comments.

Wherry adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Rachel Foster – Mitchell County Auditor

James Wherry – Chair Board of Supervisors